

**Listing of Claims:**

Please cancel claims 8 and 16-19, amend claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and add new claims 23-28, as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An animal chew, comprising:  
a composite of animal hide bits, adherent, and pieces of jerky interspersed in the composite and discrete from the animal hide bits, wherein the animal hide bits make up at least 60% of a weight of the composite.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the jerky is in the form of a chunks.

4. (Currently Amended) The animal chew of claim 1, further including a health affecting additive.

5. (Currently Amended) The animal chew of claim 1, having a gelatin content of about fifteen percent by weight.

Claims 6-8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the solidified animal hide granulate paste is cylindrical shaped.

10. (Currently Amended) An animal chew, comprising a plurality of discrete, spaced, meat pieces within a solidified animal hide granulate paste~~The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the composite animal chew comprises, by weight, about 50 to 95 percent rawhide bits and about 5 to 50~~

percent gelatin.

11. (Original) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the composite further comprises, by weight, about 5 to 10 percent wheat germ, about 5 to 10 percent fat, and about 0 to 10 percent glycerin.

12. (Previously Presented) An animal chew, comprising: a body having a plurality of bound animal hide bits; and a plurality of jerky pieces discrete from the plurality of animal hide bits.

13. (Original) The animal chew of claim 12, wherein the body of the chew includes a visible exterior surface and an interior, and where some of the jerky pieces are located on the visible exterior surface and other jerky pieces are located in the interior and not on the visible exterior surface.

14. (Original) The animal chew of claim 12, wherein the average size of the jerky pieces is one to thirty times the average size of the animal hide bits.

15. (Original) The animal chew of claim 14, further comprising adherent for binding the plurality of animal hide bits, and a health affecting additive.

Claims 16-19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the average size of the discrete jerky pieces is one to thirty times the average size of the animal hide bits.

21. (Currently Amended) An animal chew, comprising a plurality of discrete, spaced, meat pieces within a solidified animal hide granulate paste~~The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the animal chew has a weight that is at least 60% from animal hide.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The animal chew of claim 810, wherein the discrete, spaced ~~flavor meat~~ pieces are discrete, spaced pieces of ~~meat~~ jerky.

23. (New) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the animal hide bits include small pieces of rawhide.

24. (New) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the pieces of jerky are discrete, spaced chunks.

25. (New) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the animal chew comprises, by weight, at least 60 percent rawhide bits.

26. (New) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the animal chew comprises, by weight, 15 to 20 percent gelatin.

27. (New) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the animal chew comprises, by weight, at least 60 percent rawhide bits and 15 to 20 percent gelatin.

28. (New) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the animal chew comprises, by weight, about 5 to 10 percent fat and about 0 to 10 percent glycerin.